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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, NOVEMBER 1989

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

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Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

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Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

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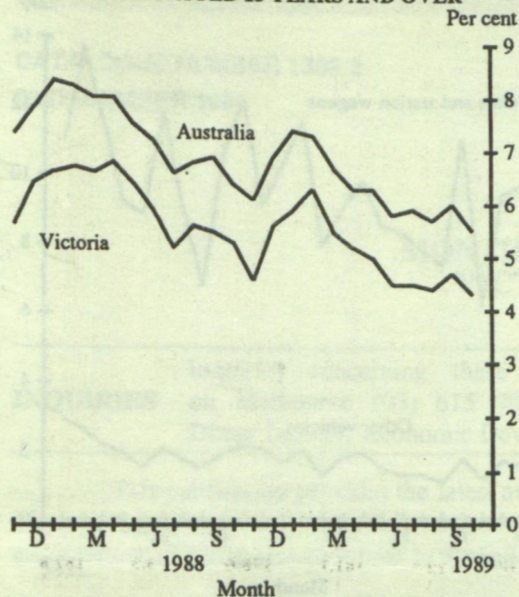
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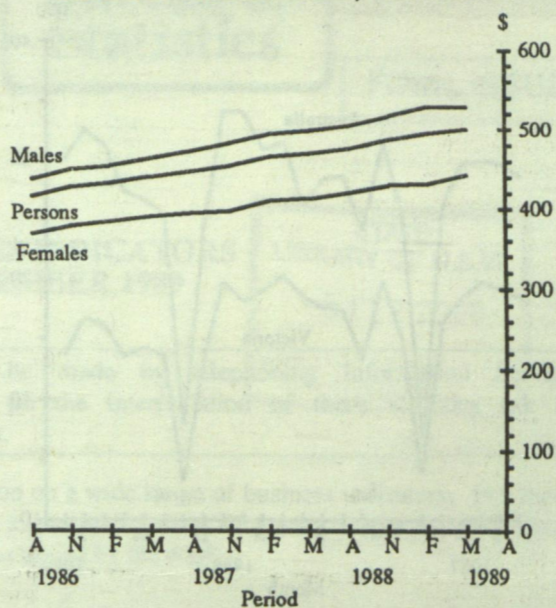
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Oct 89	1,652.4	1,643.8	1,625.1	1,630.5	1,590.5	3.9	6,194.5	3.0
	- total	'000	Oct 89	2,071.9	2,085.9	2,049.8	2,055.0	1,961.8	5.6	7,817.6	4.6
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Oct 89	65.9	73.2	67.2	68.2	81.1	-18.7	347.8	-14.3
	- total	'000	Oct 89	93.6	104.0	93.6	96.3	109.7	-14.7	457.4	-9.9
Labour force		'000	Oct 89	2,165.5	2,189.9	2,143.4	2,151.3	2,071.5	4.5	8,275.0	3.6
Participation rate		per cent	Oct 89	63.8	64.6	63.3	63.6	62.0	2.9	63.1	1.6
Unemployment rate		per cent	Oct 89	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.5	5.5	-21.8	5.5	-14.1
Job vacancies		'000	Aug qr 89	19.3	24.1	21.2	19.5	18.1	7.1	64.3	-12.1
Overtime worked per employee		hours	Aug qr 89	1.60	1.57	1.52	1.56	1.45	10.4	1.48	10.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males	\$	May qr 89		500.40	494.90	487.00	475.90	469.30	6.6	501.10	7.8
Females	\$	May qr 89		529.50	528.40	516.60	504.40	498.30	6.2	530.40	7.9
All employees total earnings	\$	May qr 89		443.00	430.80	429.20	420.10	412.20	7.5	440.80	7.7
Males	\$	May qr 89		442.20	435.10	429.60	417.00	414.90	6.6	442.20	7.3
Females	\$	May qr 89		517.00	512.20	503.30	486.30	483.50	6.9	519.10	7.8
	\$	May qr 89		341.90	336.50	333.40	324.60	322.70	6.0	339.00	7.2
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index	Sep qr 89		196.6	190.8	183.9	182.3	179.5	9.5	190.8	9.0
Clothing	index	Sep qr 89		182.3	181.1	177.3	177.5	171.2	6.5	181.2	6.1
Housing	index	Sep qr 89		230.9	218.9	207.3	204.5	193.7	19.2	219.3	16.6
Household equipment & operation	index	Sep qr 89		188.1	185.0	182.3	181.1	178.6	5.3	187.8	4.9
Transportation	index	Sep qr 89		190.6	189.0	184.5	181.3	181.1	5.2	202.5	6.0
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Sep qr 89		214.7	209.8	204.8	201.9	201.9	6.3	219.6	6.8
Health & personal care	index	Sep qr 89		207.2	205.0	203.7	192.6	192.6	7.6	194.1	7.5
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Sep qr 89		169.4	167.9	165.4	163.7	161.1	5.2	166.6	5.4
All groups	index	Sep qr 89		198.1	193.8	188.7	186.2	183.0	8.3	197.0	8.0
TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (excl. motor vehicles, etc)											
	\$m	Sep 89		1,698.1	1,659.7	1,624.5	1,657.5	1,603.2	5.4	6,729.2	10.3
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million	Jul 89		36.0	37.5	45.0	36.4	37.5	-4.0	183	6.4
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jul 89		360	365	434	394	318	13.2	1,509	11.4
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Jul 89		50,632	38,017	39,182	35,805	44,827	12.9	76,249	17.7
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jul 89		2,945	3,299	3,518	3,053	3,076	-4.3	3,495	-5.4
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jul 89		13.6	16.8	16.1	13.5	18.5	-26.5	30.1	15.8
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Jul 89		743	787	1,162	888	901	-17.5	2,047	20.6
- Wool	tonnes	Jul 89		1,325	1,459	1,342	1,216	1,380	-4.0	1,801	-7.9
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jul 89		1,829	1,839	1,989	1,694	1,953	-6.3	3,572	-7.7
- Woollen (incl worsted wool)	'000 sq.m	Jul 89		459	502	471	420	457	0.4	744	-12.2
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jul 89		6,931	7,537	7,626	6,113	6,831	1.5	16,261	2.9
Electricity	million kWh	Jul 89		3,502	3,445	3,043	3,064	2,869	22.1	13,908	10.1
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m	Sep 89		1,388.5	1,674.3	1,380.4	1,407.0	1,185.4	17.1	4,237.4	29.6
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Aug 89		746.0	838.9	740.7	771.4	631.9	18.1	3,819.3	12.0
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.	Sep 89		2,391	2,855	2,604	3,014	3,304	-27.6	8,443	-35.0
New other residential building	No.	Sep 89		141	169	156	571	238	-40.8	3,951	0.3
Value of all building	\$m	Sep 89		554.1	491.8	488.1	577.7	562.6	-1.5	2,309.4	-1.2
Commencements -											
New houses	No.	Jun qr 89		9,560	8,190	9,190	8,310	7,330	30.4	32,620	11.9
Value of new houses	\$m	Jun qr 89		831.9	664.8	760.0	652.0	557.0	49.4	2,704.8	33.6
New other residential buildings	No.	Jun qr 89		646	767	782	1,263	1,034	-37.5	10,536	16.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Jun qr 89		47.0	45.6	41.7	69.5	54.4	-13.6	750.2	34.6
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Jun qr 89		1,211.7	1,067.9	961.2	709.2	1,053.8	15.0	4,430.1	44.2
Value of all building	\$m	Jun qr 89		2,242.3	1,915.3	1,889.4	1,545.1	1,773.4	26.4	8,372.7	39.2
Work done in period	\$m	Jun qr 89		2,081.7	1,742.2	1,808.0	1,618.9	1,464.7	42.1	7,622.2	36.8
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Aug 89		130.4	130.1	130.1	130.2	121.6	7.2	132.6	9.1
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jul 89		221.6	219.4	219.1	217.2	202.9	9.2	224.2	8.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.	Aug 89		13,875	16,351	13,761	11,197	13,655	1.6	54,790	18.6
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Aug 89		10,950	13,705	11,559	9,216	11,621	-5.8	42,169	13.6
Motor cycles	No.	Aug 89		2,925	2,649	2,202	1,981	2,034	43.8	12,621	39.2
	No.	Aug 89		321	509	457	357	274	17.2	1,559	7.1
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	May 89		25,088	24,251	23,840	23,727	21,643	15.9	70,169	16.7
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m	May 89		6,243	6,217	6,440	6,629	5,658	10.3	19,648	4.6
Fixed deposits	\$m	May 89		11,435	11,308	10,393	9,665	7,279	57.1	39,903	41.3
Advances	\$m	May 89		16,313	15,941	15,326	14,933	14,745	10.6	54,861	15.7
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	May 89		36,821	35,428	31,778	34,378	36,420	1.1	196,205	12.7
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals - Savings banks	\$m	Aug 89		447.0	393.6	435.0	632.1	596.4	-25.1	1,547.8	-29.2
Trading banks	\$m	Aug 89		336.8	284.9	308.6	484.0	441.4	-23.7	1,037.2	-30.9
Permanent building societies	\$m	Aug 89		54.1	49.1	32.1	55.4	47.3	14.4	223.2	-11.5
Other lenders	\$m	Aug 89		23.0	21.1	40.2	41.7	74.0	-68.9	144.3	-56.8
	\$m	Aug 89		33.1	38.5	54.1	50.9	33.7	-1.8	143.1	45.0
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)											
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 89		1,996	1,814	1,963	1,523	1,787	11.7	7,822	15.8
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 89		758	694	717	547	787	-3.7	2,062	9.1
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 89		516	582	545	502	488	5.7	2,212	19.9
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 89		646	559	620	518	556	16.2	2,978	24.1
	\$m	Jun qr 89		1,351	1,255	1,343	1,006	1,231	9.7	4,844	11.3

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

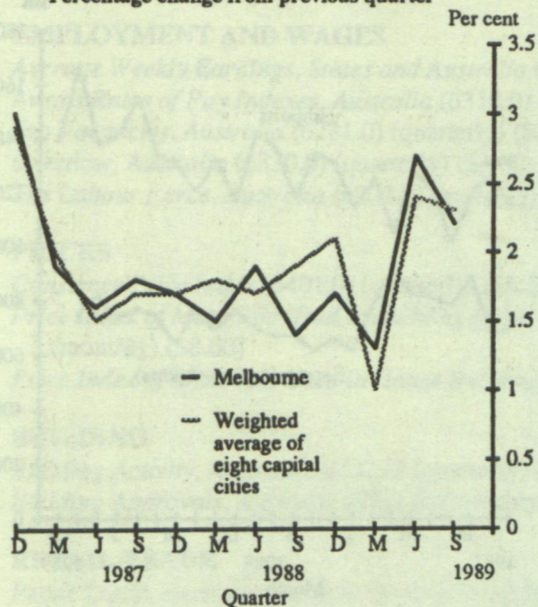
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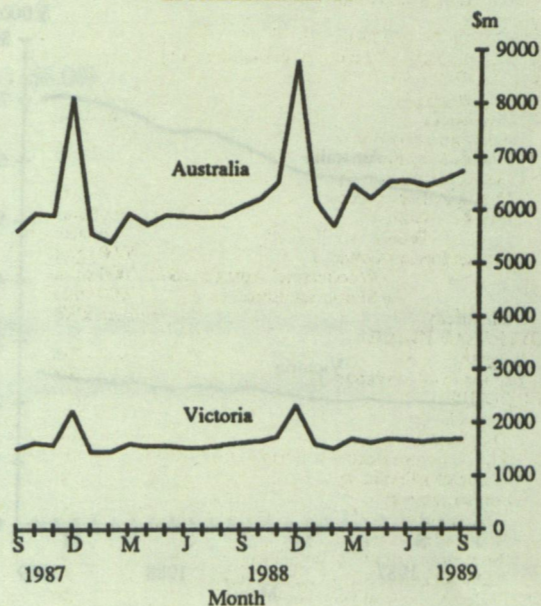
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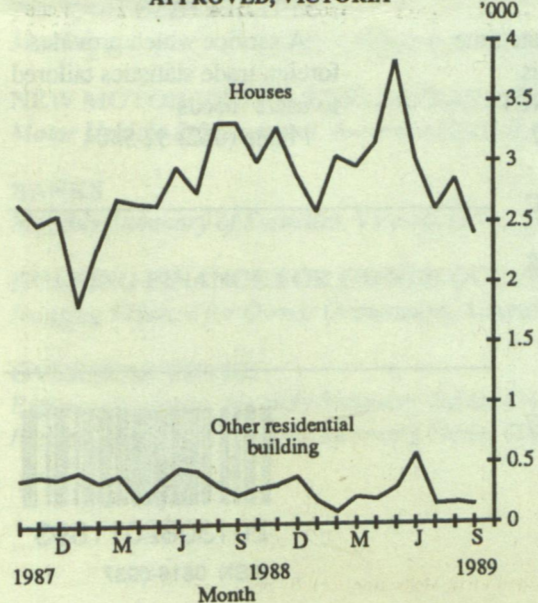
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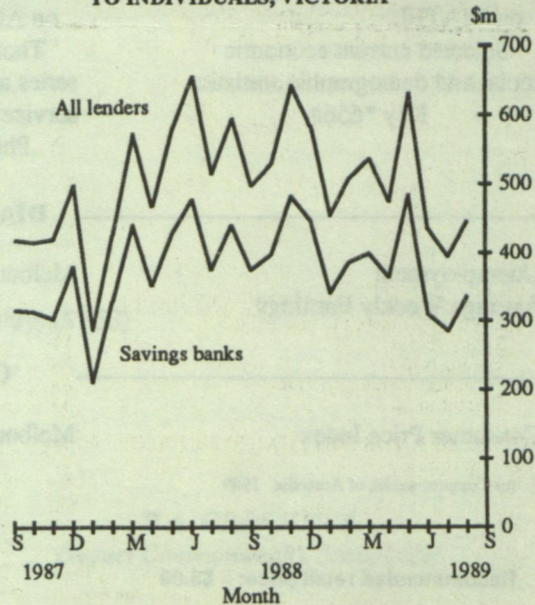
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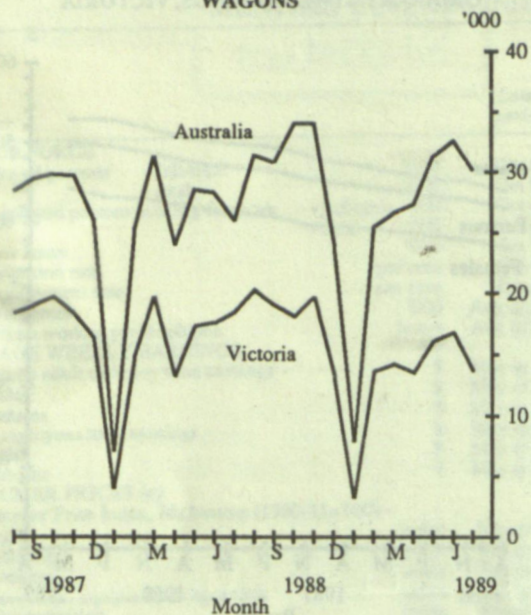
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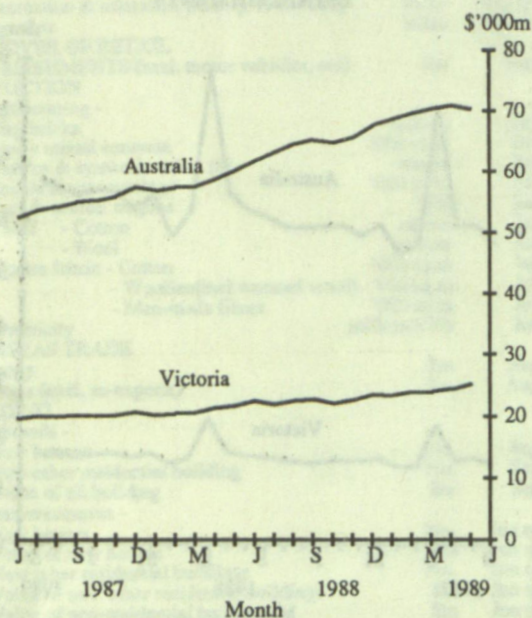
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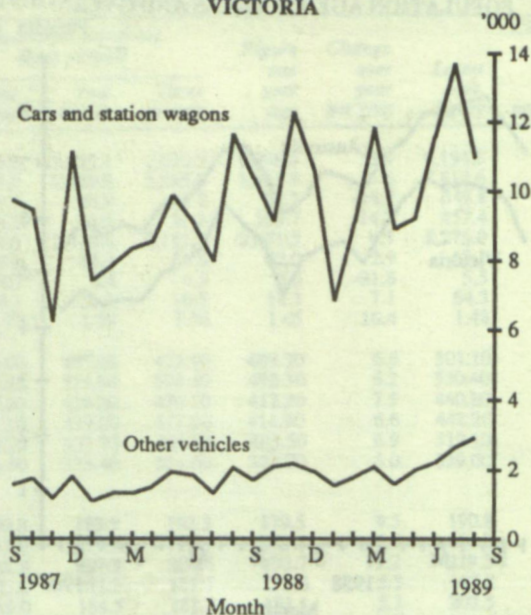
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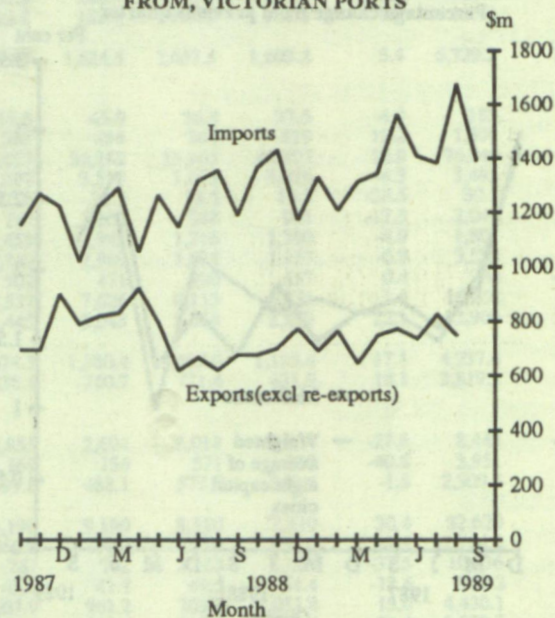
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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